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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Foreign Secretary recently visited Pakistan after his talks with the Indian leaders and returned to India with some feed back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of feedback on Indo-Pak relations ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Following his visit to India on 19th July, the British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw visited Pakistan on 20th July. Mr. Straw returned to Delhi on the evening of 20th July and met with then EAM.He shared an assessment of his meeting with then Pakistani Minister of State for External Affairs, Inam-ul-Haq.

(c) The UK side was fully sensitized that despite assurances given by the Pakistani leadership at the highest level, cross border terrorism has not ceased. Nor has Pakistan dismantled the infrastructure of terrorism. The above would be essential pre-requisite for improvement of relations between India and Pakistan.